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Item 1 of the provisional agenda
**Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters**

## Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
2. Consideration of the key issues of energy for sustainable development, with due consideration given for each issue to the means of implementation: capacity-building, technology transfer and financial resources:
   (a) Accessibility of energy;
   (b) Energy efficiency;
   (c) Renewable energy;
   (d) Advanced fossil fuel technologies;
   (e) Nuclear energy technologies;
   (f) Rural energy;
   (g) Energy-related issues in transportation.
3. Regional initiatives and endeavours.
4. Learning from each other: success stories in the promotion of energy for sustainable development.
5. Enhancing international cooperation for energy for sustainable development.
6. Adoption of the report of the Group of Experts on its second session.

## Annotations

### 1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

In accordance with rule 7 of the rules of procedures of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, which also apply, insofar as they are

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practicable, to the proceedings of its subsidiary organs, at the beginning of each session the Group of Experts shall adopt the agenda for that session.

2. **Consideration of the key issues of energy for sustainable development, with due consideration given for each issue to the means of implementation: capacity-building, technology transfer and financial resources**:

(a) **Accessibility of energy;**

(b) **Energy efficiency;**

(c) **Renewable energy;**

(d) **Advanced fossil fuel technologies;**

(e) **Nuclear energy technologies;**

(f) **Rural energy;**

(g) **Energy-related issues in transportation.**

At its first session, the Group of Experts adopted this agenda item as a focus for its deliberations, during the second session, on the following key issues of energy for sustainable development: (a) accessibility of energy; (b) energy efficiency; (c) renewable energy; (d) advanced fossil fuel technologies; (e) nuclear energy technologies; (f) rural energy; and (g) energy-related issues in transportation.

At its first session, the Group of Experts identified the solicitation of views of Governments on these key issues as work to be undertaken in preparation for its second session. In the preparation of the report of the Secretary-General on this agenda item, the views received from Governments on these key issues were given full consideration.

**Documentation**

Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Energy and sustainable development: options and strategies for action on key issues" (E/CN.17/ESD/2001/2)

3. **Regional initiatives and endeavours**

At its first session, the Group of Experts welcomed the efforts of Governments and organizations to organize activities in relation to its work, in particular at the regional level, and agreed that the results of such activities could provide valuable inputs to its work.

In response, the following regional meetings and events were organized: the Symposium on Arab Energy Policies and Strategies held in Beirut, Lebanon, from 2 to 5 October, and in Amman, Jordan, on 23 and 24 October 2000; the Meeting of Energy Ministers and Authorities of the Member States of the Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE) held in Asunción, Paraguay, on 13 and 14 October 2000; a discussion of the European regional perspective at the tenth annual session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) held in Geneva from 31 October to 2 November 2000; the Asia-Pacific High-

level Regional Meeting on Energy and Sustainable Development held in Bali, Indonesia, on 23 and 24 November 2000; the African Regional High-level Meeting on Energy and Sustainable Development held in Nairobi, Kenya, from 10 to 13 January 2001; and the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) Workshop on Climate Change, Energy and Preparations for the Ninth Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development held in Nicosia, Cyprus, from 15 to 19 January 2001. The outcome of these meetings will be made available to the Group of Experts.

**4. Learning from each other: success stories in the promotion of energy for sustainable development**

In considering, at its first session, the work to be undertaken in preparation for its second session, the Group of Experts identified the preparation of case studies on specific issues discussed during its first session. The results of this work will be available to the Group of Experts as a background document consisting of a compendium of case studies on the application of policies that promote energy for sustainable development.

**5. Enhancing international cooperation for energy for sustainable development**

At its first session, the Group of Experts adopted this agenda item as a focus for its deliberations, during its second session, on enhancing international cooperation.

In considering this agenda item, the Group of Experts will have before it the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Energy and sustainable development: options and strategies for actions on key issues" (E/CN.17/ESD/2001/2), which contains a section on options for strengthening regional and international cooperation efforts for energy and sustainable development.

**Documentation**

Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Energy and sustainable development: options and strategies for action on key issues" (E/CN.17/ESD/2001/2)

**6. Adoption of the report of the Group of Experts on its second session**

The Group of Experts will report on the outcome of its second session to the Commission on Sustainable Development at its ninth session, in 2001.

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## Proposed organization of work

| *Date/time* | *Agenda item* | |
|---|---|---|
| **26 February-2 March 2001** | | |
| **Monday, 26 February** | | |
| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | | *Opening of the session* |
| | | Opening statements by the Co-Chairs |
| | Item 1 | Adoption of the agenda and organization of work |
| | Item 2 | Consideration of the key issues of energy for sustainable development, with due consideration given for each issue to the means of implementation: capacity-building, technology transfer and financial resources |
| | | Introduction of the report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.17/ESD/2001/2) |
| | Items 2, 3, 4 and 5 | Introduction of the Co-Chairs' draft "Negotiating text" |
| 3-6 p.m. | | Informal discussion of the Co-Chairs' draft "Negotiating text" |
| **Tuesday, 27 February** | | |
| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | | Informal discussion of the Co-Chairs' draft "Negotiating text" (continued) |
| 3-6 p.m. | | Informal discussion of the Co-Chairs' draft "Negotiating text" (continued) |

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| *Date/time* | *Agenda item* | |
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| **Wednesday, 28 February** | | |
| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | | Introduction and discussion of the revised draft of the "Negotiated text" of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts |
| 3-6 p.m. | | Informal discussion of the revised draft of the "Negotiated text" |
| **Thursday, 1 March** | | |
| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | | Informal discussion of the revised draft of the "Negotiated text" (continued) |
| | Items 2, 3, 4 and 5 | Introduction of the Co-Chairs' summary of discussions at the second session of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts |
| 3-6 p.m. | | Discussion and finalization of the "Negotiated text" |
| | Items 2, 3, 4 and 5 | Discussion of the Co-Chairs' summary of discussions at the second session of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts |
| **Friday, 2 March** | | |
| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | | Presentation by the Co-Chairs of the report of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on its second session |
| | Item 6 | Adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on its second session |
| | | *Closure of the session* |